

Cary Memorial Library

[Lexington, MA], 1918.

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Lexington, Massachusetts.

1868 - 1906

April 29, 1918.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th St.
New York.

Gentlemen:

I understand that you have issued cards illustrative of the War Medals and Badges conferred by various nations. If it is possible to obtain these, we should be very glad indeed to receive a set.

Appreciating your favor,

Very truly yours,

Marian D. Kirkland.

Librarian.

7 sets.

May 4th, 1918.

Miss Marian P. Kirkland, Librarian,
Cary Memorial Library,
Lexington, Mass.

Dear Madam:-

I have your letter of the 29th. The cards to which you refer, I presume you must have seen at Camp Devens Library. These were gotten up for a special purpose and in a limited number only. They are not published or issued by us in quantities, but we have a few sets still on hand, and if you can give me some idea how you expect to use them, I think it can be arranged to have a set sent you. Do you desire them for display or exhibition purpose? I presume you would have no objection to making, if such were the case, suitable acknowledgment of the fact that they are the gift of the American Numismatic Society.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

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May 6, 1918

American Numismatic Society

New York City

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your very courteous note regarding the medal cards which as you surmise I did see at the Camp Devens Library when I have been assisting there lately.

I trust I am not presuming in asking for them but they appealed to me as being so very educational both for the young people and adults that I ventured to ask if it would be possible to secure them. I wish to keep them on display in our library and of course have no objection to acknowledging them as your gift.

With much appreciation of your letter, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Marian F. Kirkland.

Librarian.

sent off May 7, 1918.

May 8th, 1918.

Miss Marian P. Kirkland, Librarian,
Cary Memorial Library,
Lexington, Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Kirkland:-

I have your letter of the 6th, and under separate cover I sent you yesterday the set of decorations illustrations concerning which you wrote. I am very glad that you are planning to put them on exhibition. We had about a dozen sets of these made up but they were not used for the purpose planned. I am stating this in order that you may side step any inquiries as to the liklihood of any one else being able to secure copies. I hope they will prove useful. We should be very glad to have you call and see the originals when next you visit New York.

. Yours very cordially,

Secretary.

CARY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

1868-1906

THE TRUSTEES HAVE RECEIVED

A set of decorative illustrations
of British and French
war medals.

A GIFT TO THE LIBRARY,

FROM *The American Numismatic Soc.* FOR WHICH

THEY RETURN A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

W. C. Briggs
SECRETARY OF TRUSTEES.

Marian F. Kirkland
LIBRARIAN.

LEXINGTON, *May 9,* 1918.

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May 9, 1918

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
Secretary American Numismatic Soc.
Broadway, New York.

My dear Mr. Noe,

I am sending an acknowledgement of the set of decorative medals, which has just been received, to the Society, but will you permit me to express to you personally my appreciation of your favor in allowing us to have them.

We do indeed consider it a very great favor and knowing the interests of our boys know that they will be studied very eagerly. Mr. Lowe, of the Camp Devens Library has them in a very conspicuous place on one of his bulletin boards near the delivery desk and I assure you that they attracted much attention on the days that I was there and this I am sure is true of every day for the boys are very earnest in their use of the Camp Library. On the last Sunday that I was at the Camp more than 1100 used the Library an evidence without question of its value.

I should be much interested in seeing the originals and beg you to believe me very grateful for your interest on our behalf.

Cordially yours,

Marian F. Kirkland.

Librarian.

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May 21, 1918

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
New York City

My dear Mr. Noe,

May I trouble you a little further by asking if you can refer me to any book which will give the history of the British and French war medals. Much interest is evinced by the cards which you were good enough to send us, especially so, just now, as one of our own boys has won the Croix De Guerre for bravery under fire in the ambulance service.

The awarding of the medal with the palm or the star is so little known that we shall be glad of any information regarding them. Wellman, the aviator who has just returned from France is wearing a medal with two palms which is creating much interest and a desire on the part of the young people to study the various medals.

Trusting that I am not taxing you too much, believe me,

Appreciatively yours,

Marian F. Kirkland.

Librarian.

May 23rd, 1918.

Miss Marian P. Kirkland, Librarian,
Cary Memorial Library,
Lexington, Mass.

Dear Miss Kirkland:-

I have your letter of the 21st, and I am very glad to have you write me of the interest which our cards have aroused. I am adding below a brief list of books which should be easily procurable at a small expenditure, which may in a measure meet your inquiry:

"Ribbons and Medals" by Lieut. Commander Tarrell
Dorling, R. N. A. H. Baldwin, London. 1916.

"The Medals of our Fighting Men" by Stanley C.
Johnson. A. & C. Black, Ltd., London.

"War Medals and their History" by W. Augustus
Stewart. Stanely Paul & Co., London. 1915.

The Croix de Guerre concerning which you write is divided into two classes by the additions to the ribbon in one case the star and in the other the palm branch. Of the two the star is the lesser distinction, and so far as we know only one star is conferred, but the palm is conferred for repeated acts of bravery, and perhaps you may have noticed that Major Lufbery had been awarded ten palms. It is very difficult to get official information as to the exact conditions under which the awards are made, and I fear that you will find conflicting accounts in some of the "authorities" quoted above.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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May 24, 1918

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
New York City

My dear Mr. Noe,

It was extremely kind of you to answer my query so promptly
and I am very grateful for the information contained in your letter.

I endeavored to find some books in Boston when I was there this
morning but to no avail. I am therefore extremely glad of your letter
which will enable me to go prepared the next time.

It certainly will never do in these times not to keep up with the
questions of the day especially when one has energetic boys to deal with.

With much appreciation of your courtesy,

very sincerely

Marian P. Kirkland.

Librarian.